<u>S/N 10/539,765</u> <u>PATENT</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael Grant Examiner: Kailash C. Srivastava

Serial No.: 10/539,765 Group Art Unit: 1657

Filed: February 8, 2006 Docket: 1662.004US2
Customer No. 21186 Confirmation No. 2018

Customer No. 21186 Confirmation No. 2018

Title: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR SELECTIVELY ENRICHING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

MICROBES

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 17, 2008, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group I (claims 1-42), and as species pathogenic Escherichia coli, enterohemorrhagic Escherichia coli, Escherichia as target microbe, pH range 2-4, nutritional supplement as selective agent, temperature range about 5°C to about 35°C, organic acid (acetic acid if further election required) and inorganic acid (HCl if further election required). Applicant requests that, at a minimum, the Examiner reconsider the species elections, and at least examine Shigella with Escherichia as a target microbe and all organic and inorganic acids.

Please also enter the following amendments.